

# Vacancies for PGCE and PhD students to mark GCSE and A-level exams

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## **We are looking for students of English, Geography, Religious Studies/Philosophy and Sociology**

At AQA we have a passion for inspiring lessons and great learning.

We are an independent education charity and the largest provider of academic qualifications taught in schools and colleges in the UK. We set and mark the papers for around half of all GCSEs and A-levels and nearly one and a half million students sit our exams every summer.

We have new and exciting opportunities for PhD and PGCE students/recent graduates to join our examiner team.

### **The role**

As an AQA exam marker, you'll mark exam papers from home, either online or paper based scripts. The marking period will start towards the end of May and will finish towards the end of July, depending upon your subject and the paper you mark. The marking period is between three and four weeks. In that time you will need to commit to two to three hours' marking for five days a week. If you are marking exam papers, they will be sent securely to you and you will need to be able to store these in a secure and confidential environment. If your marking is online you will need to have access to a PC/laptop in a confidential environment.

All of our PhD and PGCE students will be assigned a team leader who will provide support and guidance. In addition, successful applicants will have access to our dedicated examiner assistance team who are on hand to answer any questions.

Your training will be online and you will need to commit a few hours to the training; this will take place towards the end of May/early June. You will also undertake online standardisation; this is your chance to understand and practise applying the mark scheme.

Once you have completed this training you will move to live marking where you will be fully supported by your team leader.

### **What will it pay?**

Depending upon your subject and the paper you are assigned to mark you will earn between £630 and £950.

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### **Benefits of exam marking:**

- utilise your knowledge and passion for your subject in new and exciting ways
- build your knowledge of assessment
- broaden your academic CV
- receive free training and personal development
- earn extra income!

### **To qualify you will need:**

- a relevant PhD or PGCE in one of the subjects listed above (or to be in the process of completing one)
- a true passion for your subject – you will consider yourself an expert
- the ability to follow directions and a mark scheme
- an excellent command of English language
- access to a private PC/laptop with Windows 7 or above installed to work alongside our marking/training software and excellent IT skills
- the time available to dedicate to marking.

If this sounds like you, please send your academic CV to [examine@aqa.org.uk](mailto:examine@aqa.org.uk) Please detail any specialist knowledge you have and we will try to match you to your specialism.

We will review your CV and, if you meet our selection criteria, we will ask you to complete our online application process and provide us with details of an academic reference.

Applicants are advised to apply early as we reserve the right to close a vacancy if a high number of applications are received.

We also recommend you take a look at the specifications on our website for [Geography](#), [English](#), [Sociology](#), [GCSE Religious Studies](#), and [A-level Religious Studies \(RST4C\)](#)